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SUBJECT:RAUTA CASE: REQUEST BY CONGRESSMAN GREEN

1. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING SEPARATELY LETTER DATED JULY 1, 1976 FROM CONGRESSMAN GREEN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN (CHARGE SAW WHILE IN WASHINGTON). LETTER REPORTS RECENT CONVERSATION BY HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRADE STAFF MEMBER WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER RACEANU CONCERNING THE RAUTA CASE. GREEN LETTER NOTES THAT RACEANU "STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT OUR APPROACH TO DATE OF RELATING THE CASE TO HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS CANNOT SUCCEED GIVEN THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL VIEW OF THE MATTER. ALTERNATIVELY, HE SUGGESTED THAT A SIMPLE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE UNRELATED TO CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MFN WAS EXTENDED TO ROMANIA OR OTHER HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED."

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GREEN CONTINUES "I UNDERSTAND THAT A SIMILAR APPROACH

WAS SUGGESTED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION BY AMBASSADOR
BOGDAN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON." CONGRESSMAN
GREEN THEN REQUESTS "IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION...
THAT AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN REPRESENTATION BE MADE TO THE
APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES EXPRESSING
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN THE RAUTA CASE

AND OUR DESIRE THAT MRS. RAUTA AND HER SON BE PERMITTED
TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES."

2. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THESE INDIRECTIONS. REQUEST CHARGE
EXPLORE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN GOR JUST WHAT IF ANYTHING
GOR MAY HAVE IN MIND. KISSINGER

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